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On Friday, March 15, at 4 P.M., there will be a Vocational Workshop in the Conference Room of the Board of Education, 31 Green Street. This Workshop will provide intensive guidance to a selected number of Negro and white young people who will be seen by the head counselors of the city schools. Persons with uneasiness because of personal situations, will be interviewed by Dr. Simon S. Danniger, Director, Jewish Child Guidance Bureau.

Counselors giving vocational guidance will include: Mr. Louis C. Griffiths, Arts High; Mr. Joseph Cellano, Barringer High; Miss Vera Beusman, Central High; Miss Agnes Higgins, East Side High; Mrs. Beatrice Geller, South Side; Mr. William Cain, West Side High; Mrs. Dorothy Keith, Robert Treat Jr. High; and Miss Elizabeth M. Kennedy, McKinley Jr. High; *and Miss Helen Thompson, Cleveland J. H. S.*

Follow-up on the persons counselled at the Workshop will be made, and help offered to these persons until successful adjustment is effected.

Highlights of the rest of the week ^{have} included talks by Roy E. Norris, Industrial Secretary of the League, to the Counselors of Robert Treat Jr. High School, to the Principals and Counselors of the Essex County Vocational Schools, and the Counselors of the Newark Public Schools.

The Vocational Opportunity Campaign of the New Jersey Urban League was inaugurated Sunday, March 10th at 3 P.M. in a Vocational Opportunity Forum held in the auditorium of Arts High School.

Outstanding speakers were: Mr. Owen Dodson, Playwright and Executive Secretary of the Committee On Mass Education, American Film Center; Miss Olivia Stokes, Delegate to the World Youth Conference, held recently in London, England; Dr. Bruce Robinson, Director, Bureau of Child Guidance, Newark Board of Education; Mr. Herbert ~~Robinson~~, Supervisor Essex County Vocational Schools; Dr. Simon S. Danniger, Director, Jewish Child Guidance Bureau; Dr. Frederick Seaman, Director of Guidance, Newark Board of Education; Mr. Clarence Johnson, Race Relations Advisor, Federal Public Housing Administration and Mr. Roy E. Norris, Industrial Relations Secretary, New Jersey Urban League.

Mr. Charles A. Ward, Student at New York School of Social Work, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Entertainment was rendered by the Melody Chorus and Miss Anne de Ramus, Chicago, Pianist.

The Campaign slogan, "The Future is Yours, Plan and Prepare", was highlighted by the speakers as they talked about job opportunities for youth. It is a well known fact that the Negro worker has made significant progress during the war. He has obtained jobs in many areas of employment previously excluding him, in addition to a great increase in general employment. It is now his concern that these gains be preserved, indeed, extended. A realistic view compels one to recognize that these objectives can not be reached without adequate vocational preparation. The Vocational Opportunity Forum, served as an instrument to present the issue, provide interpretation of it to the community and stimulate careful action.

The purpose of this Campaign, which is a yearly feature of the Urban League program, is to stimulate the young people of the community to carefully select vocation on the basis of ability, interest, and needs of the field; then to adequately prepare for that vocation.

Members of the Planning Committee were: Mrs. Ethel Williams, Chairman, Industrial Secretary of the Jones Street YMCA; Miss Charles Mae Bankston, President of the Youth Council of the NAACP; Miss Edith Ashby, of the Friendly Neighborhood House; Mr. Richard Brown, Assistant Executive Director, of the Boys Scouts.